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TODAY and TOMORROW

Stettinius' Bluff

THE American State Department has started a series of broadcasts on postwar international problems. The first of these talks was delivered on Sunday night by the American State Secretary Stettinius. With the usual American big bluff and preamble, Stettinius claimed that in the labour of the construction of a peaceful world much had already been accomplished. Stettinius can only mean that Britain and America have come to realise Stalin's strong position and have unhesitatingly yielded to Stalin on all questions—territorial, political and economic—totally giving up their own claims to be the champions of the smaller nations, such as Poland. On no question small or great have Britain, America and Russia found agreement. They have been bargaining and quarreling and bullying all the time.

Stettinius then referred to the coming United Nations Conference in San Francisco. He said all the nations would participate as independent sovereign states in the task of getting up a permanent machinery for international security. Stettinius declared that the sovereign equality of nations, large and small, is the basic principle underlying the proposals. What hypocrisy? Stettinius knows that India and a number of other nations will be allowed to participate only as Britain's slaves. Also, the Anglo-Americans have already bullied and forced Turkey and Egypt and a number of other nations to submit patiently to Anglo-American exploitation. Still the Americans want to pretend that Turkey and Egypt and the other nations are independent sovereign states!

Stettinius was trying to bluff and deceive the nations of the world. And yet American greed for power is so great that Stettinius openly declared that the voting procedure adopted recognised "two essential elements of a successful world organisation —unity of action by the great powers who alone have the military and industrial strength to prevent aggression; and equal sovereignty of all nations large and small who must act together to create the essential conditions of lasting peace."

Thus already the Anglo-Americans have manipulated the voting procedure so that the so-called big three can have all decisions their own way. The other nations will have the right to vote, as equal sovereign states but they will be merely putting up their hands without being able to force a single decision Britain, America and Russia by mutual bargaining and bullying will carry everything their own way with the help of their dependants and satellites—that is, if they do not fall out amongst themselves.

40 Raiders Shot Down, Damaged Over Kanto Dist

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Raiders Failed To Cause Perceptible Damage To Industrial Areas

Tokyo, February 26 (Domei)—According to information made available by 6.00 p.m. yesterday, our air defence units accounted for 35 enemy carrier-based planes shot down and five others damaged out of about 600 ship-borne aircraft which yesterday morning raided the Kanto district in concert with Mariana-based B-29 bombers which perpetrated indiscriminate bombing on the Metropolitan area in the afternoon.

Again making its appearance in waters near the Nippon mainland, a powerful enemy task force released approximately 600 planes, chiefly against the Kanto district, hitting the airfields. At the same time other units of enemy carrier-based planes raided the industrial area and transportation facilities, and also indiscriminately bombed and strafed the urban sections.

Following the raid by carrier-borne planes, approximately 130 enemy B-29 bombers from the Marianas yesterday afternoon penetrated into the skies over the Nippon mainland from the directions of Izu and Kii peninsulas. From about 2.20 p.m. to 3.40 p.m. the main strength of the "Super-forts" indiscriminately bombed Tokyo Metropolis from above the clouds.

Part of the enemy "super-heavies" raided the vicinity of Kobe, while still others dropped some explosives and incendiaries in the prefectures of Gumma, Nagano, Chiba, Saitama, Ibaraki, Shizuoka and Yamanashi.

Damage caused by enemy carrier-based planes against airfields and other military establishments and transportation facilities yesterday morning was very slight. Part of enemy carrier-based aircraft directed attacks against industrial areas of Ota and Koizumi but, however, hampered by our air defence units, enemy raiders failed to cause any perceptible damage to those areas.

Enemy B-29's flying above the clouds, dropped mainly incendiaries and some explosives, causing almost no damage in these districts, except the Metropolitan area. Enemy raiders, dropping their missiles at random, unloaded some incendiaries in the vicinity of the Office of the Bureau of Imperial Mews of the Imperial Household Ministry as well as the vicinity of the guards station at the entrance of Omiya Palace. Fires were also caused in several sections of the city, but they were all extinguished by evening due to the quick action of fire brigades.

SIND MINISTRY FORCED TO RESIGN IN FACE OF FIRM AND UNITED OPPOSITION

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Political Unrest Now Hits Climax Authorities In Utter Desperation

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The anti-British Revolution in Sind reached its thrilling climax yesterday when the British-sponsored Hidayatullah Ministry was driven out of office by the sustained and combined efforts of all parties who stood as one man against the British authorities and their puppets and hirelings.

Latest reports from Karachi, the capital of Sind Province, state that Sir Ghulam Hidayatullah, the Premier, made desperate efforts to come to some sort of settlement or compromise with the Opposition following the utter defeat which he and his ministry sustained in the Assembly on Saturday over a cut motion on the Budget which was in the nature of a censure motion. But the opposition stood firm and united, and the eleventh-hour efforts of Sir Ghulam Hidayatullah proved futile, with the result that he had no other alternative but to resign.

Accordingly, Sir Ghulam resigned his premiership and the entire ministry was subsequently dissolved. The British Governor of the Province is now faced with the problem of forming a new Ministry, and with that object, he is reported to be sounding the views and opinions of other titled men who would come to his rescue.

However, in the opinion of well-informed political observers, the British Governor's attempts are bound to fail inasmuch as the parties and the people of the Province are firmly determined to oppose the British authorities' war effort. In the teeth of such determined opposition as that which now prevails in Sind today, the British Governor will not be able to get sufficient "Yes-men" to carry on the British administration of the Provinces and any new ministry if formed will be short-lived.

Continuing, the political observers state that the Sind Governor will be finally forced to resort to Section 93 of the Government of India Act of 1935, the Section which empowers the Governor to carry on the administration without any ministry, but with a few people known as advisers, as is done in almost all the other provinces today ever since the various Congress ministries resigned refusing to co-operate with the British war effort.

Thus, undiluted British autocracy will be established in the Sind Province also just as it now reigns supreme in the other provinces in India. This will only further strengthen the people's united and country-wide opposition to the British Raj and hasten the collapse of the tottering British Imperialistic edifice in India, competent political observers conclude.

Manila City In Flames; Enemy Losses Mounting As Fierce War Goes On

A Nippon Base on the Luzon Front, February 25 (Domei)—The battlecry of Nippon army and navy forces for the past three weeks of the sanguinary battle in Manila, which is completely going up in flames due to desperate enemy artillery fire and aerial bombardment, is to wipe out as many Yankees as possible by both frontal assaults and harassing infiltration tactics. And in this strategy the Nippon forces are continuing to record great successes.

In the Intramuros sector despite fresh enemy attempts under cover of an enormous hail of steel and fire Nippon army and navy units under Colonel Noguchi are still maintaining all their positions while steadily inflicting mounting casualties on the exasperated Yanks.

Other numerous reports being received here continuously reveal that our naval and land troops are fighting with every available small arms when their artillery has been damaged to give the enemy forces no rest in spite of their greater numbers and quantitative superiority in equipment.

Koiso Condemns Foe's Wanton Raid; Reiterates Resolve To Crush Enemy

Tokyo, Feb. 25 (Domei)—Premier General Kuniaki Koiso in his statement on today's raid on Tokyo by enemy planes, expressed renewed determination to crush the enemy as well as indignation.

He declared the enemy committed an outrageous act in dropping a bomb in the vicinity of the Office of the Bureau of Imperial Mews of the Imperial Household Ministry and the guard station of Omiya Palace. He added, however, the damage caused was slight but he immediately proceeded to the Imperial Palace and also to the Omiya Palace to pay his respects and express apology to TENNO HEIKA and KOTAIGO HEIKA.

The Premier further said he would proceed to the Imperial Palace tomorrow morning and, representing his colleagues in the Cabinet, express profound apology to TENNO HEIKA.

Furious Fighting Rages In Central Iwoojima Sector.

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Nippon Daring Attacks Cause Heavy Losses To Enemy Forces

Tokyo, Feb. 25 (Domei)—The week-old battle on Iwoojima yesterday February 24, was featured by added fury in the fighting in the central region of the island, including the section where Byobuiwa Rock and Motoyama Airfield are situated as well as the Chinetsugahara plain section. Grim fighting is also raging in the section south of Asodai Height on the western coast.

Present indications are that the enemy undoubtedly is attaching primary importance to the battle now raging in the central region as the enemy is continuing attacks despite heavy losses which he suffered as a result of fierce counter-attacks from our main positions in this sector.

Meanwhile, valuable military documents describing the disposition of enemy forces in Iwoojima were seized by a Nippon infiltration party headed by Sergeant-Major Yamada on the night of February 21.

Under cover of darkness, the party effected a landing on the western shore of the island and surprise-attacked the headquarters of a certain enemy unit near Chidorigaoka Hill. In the course of the confusion created in the enemy camp, the Nippon infiltration party captured the aforesaid valuable enemy military documents besides inflicting casualties on the enemy.

On February 23 about 9 a.m. an enemy force of about one battalion strong, supported by seven tanks, launched an attack against our position on Asodai Height. However, the enemy was completely repulsed by our artillery unit which immediately went into action stranding one enemy tank and inflicting approximately 200 casualties to enemy infantrymen.

With their fighting spirit further boosted by the daring activities of our air units our garrison units from the evening of February 23 to dawn of February 24 carried out death-defying storming assaults on the entire battlefront of the island, scoring brilliant war results.

Our ground units during the period from the day the enemy first landed on the island up to February 22 accounted for more than 160 enemy tanks stranded, a large number of motor lorries and ammunition, provisions and other depots for war supplies either blasted or set ablaze.

As to enemy casualties our units up to the evening of February 23 accounted for more than 17,000 enemy dead and wounded. The further dispatch of another enemy hospital ship on February 24 clearly indicated the mounting number of enemy casualties.

Intensive Battle Flares Up Again On West Front

Berlin, Feb. 25 (Domei)—The battle on both sides of the Roer River on the Western Front is increasing in ferocity, frontline dispatches said. Dramatic duels are being fought between German artillery and American engineers at the river crossing. Street fighting for possession of Duren and Julich continues. German troops are defending Duren particularly strongly. The battle on the Roer River has not yet passed its first stage.

The United States Ninth and First Armies have not yet been able to form consecutive bridgeheads on the other side of the river. Only after this has been accomplished can General Dwight Eisenhower use his tank corps which is now being kept in readiness.

In the battle between the Meuse and Lower Rhine the Canadian First Army is continuing its attempts to break through on the road from Goch to Weeze. Anglo-Canadian losses are estimated at 10,000 during the past 15 days. German artillery shattered one British tank brigade and one British infantry regiment when they were about to attack.

On the Eastern Front 67 Soviet tanks were either destroyed or captured yesterday in the Silesian area, the German High Command announced. Break-through attempts by Soviet forces north-west of Lauban broke down with heavy losses for the enemy. Attacks which the enemy made on Forst and Guben broke down in German defensive fire. Between Neustettin and Konitz in Pomerania, the Soviets with strong infantry and tank forces pressed back German lines to the Bolt position. German assault units despite tenacious resistance smashed the enemy bridgehead on the Eastern bank of the Gran River in Hungary.

German submarines, motor torpedoboats, and torpedo-carrying planes between February 1 and 23 sank 64 Anglo-American merchant vessels totalling 363,400 tons, competent German quarters announced today. Also torpedoed during the same period among anti-Axis convoy escorts were two cruisers, 15 destroyers, two other escort vessels, and one patrol boat.

Muslims Here Entertain Community Leaders

Syonan, Feb. 26 (Domei)—Presided over by the Chief Kathi, Tuan Haji Ali, Government officials and leaders of the various communities here were entertained to a tea party given by the Muslim community at the Istana, Kampong Glam, yesterday on the occasion of the birthday of the Holy Prophet.

Speeches felicitating Muslims in East Asia and dealing with the role of Muslims in the War of Greater East Asia were made by the Inspector-General of Police, S. Ogata, Lieut.-Col. Ibrahim Ya'acob of the Malai Giyugun, Lieut.-Col. Gilani from the Azad Hind Fauj, Maulana Abdul Aziz, Dr. Lim Boon-keng, President, Overseas-Chinese Association, Srijut M. K. Chidambaram, Chairman of the Syonan Chapter of the I.I.L., Tuan Mohammed Hassan Awang, President of the Malai Welfare Association, Dr. C. J. Paglar, President of the Eurasian Welfare Association, Tuan S. M. Alsagoff and several others.

Only By Shedding Pure Young Blood Can Indians Once More Come Into The ir Own—Banerjea

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Kuala Lumpur, February 25 (Domei)—"Is it any wonder the Anglo-Americans are trying to exterminate the Asiatic races through this war? Where are the Red Indians, the original inhabitants of America? Where are the original inhabitants of Australia and Tasmania?" asked Banerjea, Director of the Azad School of the Indian Independence League in Penang, addressing a gathering of Indians held at the town residence of Chairman M. K. Ramachandram of the Selangor branch of the League in celebration of Azad Hind Day.

Sri Banerjae, whom Sri Ramachandram introduced to the audience as one of the foremost Indian revolutionaries, said, "Hindustan is sure to see the greatest of revolutions in human history, a revolution that is no imitation of any other, a revolution that shall be a sort of balm to suffering humanity."

Sri Banerjea told his comrades, "Things may not look as bright now as in 1942. But that is no reason for us to lose heart." While deploring the common tendency of Indians to satisfy themselves with glorifying their great past he told them that every Indian should hang down his head in shame today at India's present position. "For a thousand years or more, India has not contributed anything to the progress of human civilization. She is a debtor on that and," he stressed, "it is the duty of Indians to see this debt is cleared."

"The way to Indian emancipation," he warned, "is not through empty platitudes but through energetic action. It is only by shedding pure young blood and atoning for past neglect and indifference that Indians can once more come into their own. Indians should be ready to take any punishment so that India may lift the burden of ages off her shoulders."

Whatever might happen, he concluded, he had no doubt in the ultimate success of the Indian revolution on which depends the progress and prosperity of humanity.

New Settlers For Bahau Each Family Gets $300

The Authorities wish to settle 1,000 families (5,000 people) in Bahau Catholic Colony, Fuji-go, and for these new settlers the Syonan Tokubetu-si will pay here $300 to each family before leaving.

From the Negri Sembilan Government they will also receive the same treatment as before. Rice will be given on the same basis as to the last settlers and 6 months' supply will be given at one time. Negri Government is now also getting ready with housing accommodation.

In view of the fact that the food problem and air raids are getting more serious daily here, it is advisable for people to go to Bahau now where they will be safe and living conditions are much easier.

Health conditions have greatly improved there and those with children and old persons will do well to go and settle down in Bahau.

Those intending to go to Fuji-go are advised to get their application forms from Parish Priests and to send them in early, duly completed, to the Registration Office, 31 Victoria Street.

U-Boats Wreak Havoc On Anti-Axis Shipping

Berlin, Feb. 25 (Domei)—In their lately intensified U-boat operations against anti-Axis shipping, German submarines have additionally sunk eight transports, totalling 50,000 tons, three destroyers and two escorting craft in European coastal waters, it was disclosed today. A 5,500-ton freighter was also said to have been torpedoed.

German torpedo-bombers ranging far out over the Arctic area, meantime, were reported to have sunk a fully-laden 7,000-ton Soviet merchantman.

Yalta Will Lead To Another World War

Tokyo, February 24 (Domei)—The Nippon Times in its editorial this morning asserts that the anti-Axis Crimea Conference instead of bringing peace to Europe will be a prelude to the third great war.

It points out it is an acknowledged fact that the Anglo-Americans have in the past led a fierce struggle for the destruction of Bolshevism. The fact that they are now collaborating together is not a matter of any fundamental change in the policy of the Anglo-Americans but a matter of mere expediency in their war against Germany.

The Times adds it follows that the Anglo-Americans will not allow Europe to become communized and that they will extend a hand of suppression and interference.

Declaring that herein lies the return of Europe to chaos and anarchy, the paper concludes, "This would result in a big frontal clash between the Anglo-Americans on the one hand and the Soviets on the other."

Foe Submarine Sunk & AnotherBadlyDamaged

A Nippon Base in the South, Feb. 25 (Domei)—Our fighter formation spotted two enemy submarines in the central part of the Malacca Straits at 1.50 p.m. yesterday and immediately carried out a concentrated attack, sinking one 1,000-ton class craft almost instantaneously.

The other, of 1,500-ton class, was also subjected to low-level attacks and was heavily damaged, it was disclosed today.

Iwoojima Defenders Using Rocket Bombs

Lisbon, Feb. 25 (Domei)—American dispatches from Iwoojima today revealed for the first time that Nipponese forces defending the island have been using a new rocket-bomb weighing 1,000 pounds.

Chiang-Yenan Compromise Plan Again Shoots Up

Taiyuan Feb. 26 (Domei)—United States agents have recently been active in Yenan to effect a compromise in ruptured relations between the Chungking and Yenan regimes. With this purpose as well as the actual intention of establishing advance airbases in Yenan-controlled areas, the United States also dispatched military press representatives to Yenan.

Since the turn of this year the United States has also opened new Consulates in Yenan, Yulin, Paoki and Hunhsien. Since then her schemes have become less subtle and as her demands have gradually reached the point of excessiveness it has forced Yenan to adopt a more cautious attitude.

In fact, it was recently reported that when the United States requested permission to establish information offices at Yulin, Shaotzu and Yenan which was readily recognized by Chungking, it was flatly rejected by Yenan.

Sri Raghavan's Stirring Call To Penang Indians

Penang, Feb. 25 (Domei)—That every possible sacrifice must be made in the freedom struggle was urged by Sri. N. Raghavan, Minister of Finance of the Provisional Government of Azad Hind, in a stirring address before a large crowd of Indians on the Perak Road School ground last week.

He exhorted his countrymen to rally to the call, declaring that the opportune moment has arrived for Indians to wrest their independence. As proof of their patriotism a large amount was raised to swell the coffers of the Azad Hind Government.

Bidault In England For Important Discussions

Lisbon, Feb. 25 (Domei)—French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault arrived in England today by plane as the guest of the British Government for a visit which is expected to be the prelude to important discussions concerning future Anglo-French relations, according to a London dispatch.

Tomorrow Bidault is scheduled to arrive in London and to meet British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and other members of the British Government.

11,000 Workers Down Tool At B-29 Factory

Lisbon, February 25 (Domei)—America's production of B-29 bomber engines, anti-aircraft cannons and rockets hit a snag today when 11,000 employees of the important Dodge Plant of the Chrysler Corporation at Detroit went on strike, according to an American dispatch.

The strike was said to have been called in protest against the firing of eight of the plant's workers for alleged "loafing." The strikers refused to obey a "back-to-work" order issued by high officials of the United Automobile Workers Union.

On the other hand, a Pittsburg dispatch said that 8,500 striking employees of the Jones and Laughlin Steel Works returned to their jobs after a four-day walkout, slightly improving the steel production situation.

Clothing And Comfort Money To Raid Victims

The Government is preparing to supply clothing and also comfort money as soon as possible to those rendered homeless and destitute by the enemy air raid on Saturday last, and also expresses its appreciation of the services rendered by the various auxiliary and communal bodies, says the Kosei-ka Cho in a communique issued to the Press yesterday.

Following is the text of the communique:

The Authorities wish to take this opportunity of expressing their great appreciation of the good assistance rendered by various citizens after the air raid on 24th February.

Immediately the raid was over, the Chinese Charitable Union, Syonan Chinese Buddhist Relief Association, Muslim Service Corps, Special Forward Service Corps, and Malai Welfare Association rushed to the scene of the fire near the Central Police Station and Silat Road area and fully co-operated with the Authorities and Auxiliary Police. The whole-hearted devotion and great assistance rendered by these associations is very greatly appreciated by the Authorities.

In addition, the Chinese Charitable Union worked all through the night at the Harbour Board and assisted the Military in every way possible. The Military Authorities are very thankful to the workers of this Union for the excellent service they rendered.

Homeless and destitute victims in the Silat Road area are being given every care and attention by the Charitable Associations and the Malai Welfare Association is looking after Malai victims.

The Authorities are most appreciative of the fine service and willing co-operation rendered by these good citizens on such an occasion.

The Indian Independence League handed in to Kosei-ka a cheque for $10,000 this morning for the relief of distress among air raid victims, and the Chinese Charitable Union have contributed another $10,000 for the same purpose. Cash relief to the extent of $20,000 has already been distributed to destitute victims, mostly in the Silat Road area.

Government is preparing to supply the necessary clothing and also comfort money as soon as possible.

Czech Leaders To Visit Moscow For Discussions

Lisbon, Feb. 25 (Domei)—Realizing that an understanding with the Soviet Union is essential for the materialization of Czechoslovakian aspirations Dr. Edouard Benes and Jan Shramek, President and Premier respectively, of the Exiled Czechoslovakian Government in London, have decided shortly to visit Moscow to hold important consultations, according to information from London.

It is believed that the Czech leaders will seek a guarantee from the Soviet Government regarding the future of Czechoslovakia in return for formal Czech recognition of the Russian-sponsored Lublin Government.

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